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DEPARTMENT FOR ARA/ECA

E.O. 11652 GDS  
TAGS PINS, PINT, SHUM, OEXC (YOFRE, JUAN BAUTISTA)  
SUBJECT ASSISTANCE TO JUAN BAUTISTA YOFRE

REF: BUMPUS-CHAPLIN LETTER DATED MARCH 30, 1978

1. RICARDO YOFRE, UNDER SECRETARY OF THE  
PRESIDENCY, TELEPHONED EMBOFF APRIL 5 REQUESTING  
ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING STUDY GRANT FOR HIS  
BROTHER JUAN BAUTISTA IN US. EMBASSY HAD BEEN  
APPROACHED EARLIER BY JUAN BAUTISTA HIMSELF  
WITH A VIEW TOWARD OBTAINING A ONE YEAR ACADEMIC  
GRANT. WHAT WE KNEW OF HIS ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS  
AT THATTIME DID NOT GIVE US ANY REASON TO BELIEVE  
THAT HE WOULD MEET NORMAL STANDARDS ESTABLISHED  
BY FULBRIGHT COMMISSION.

2. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION JUAN BAUTISTA  
EVIDENTLY PASSED TO OAS, HOWEVER, WE NOW SEE  
UNDER SECRETARY RICARDO YOFRES REQUEST IN A NEW LIGHT.  
EMBASSY RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT ENCOURAGE OAS TO CONSIDER  
POSSIBLE SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR JUAN BAUTISTA ON  
HUMANITARIAN AND POLITICAL GROUNDS. UNDER SECRETARY  
YOFRE, AS DEPARTMENT KNOWS, IS A LEADING DESIGNER OF  
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PRESIDENT VIDELAS POLITICAL PLAN FOR RETURNING ARGENTINA  
TO CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY WHO HAS SUFFERED AT LEAST  
THREE BOMBING ATTEMPTS DURING PAST YEAR, PRESUMABLY AT  
THE HANDS OF HARDLINING MILITARY ELEMENTS WITHIN ARGENTINE  
ARMED FORCES. HE IS A GOOD FRIEND OF EMBASSY OF LONG  
STANDING WHO SPECIFICALLY HAS ASKED FOR OUR ASSISTANCE  
IN OBTAINING SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIS BROTHER, ALTHOUGH

WITHOUT EXPLAINING TO US IN A PHONECON HIS MOTIVES TO SAME DEGREE OR WITH SAME CLARITY WHICH HAS BEEN IMPARTED TO OAS. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO BE HELPFUL TO YOFRE FAMILY ESPECIALLY IF WE COULD INDUCE OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION TO PICK UP PROGRAM COST.

3. IN MEANTIME, WE ARE ALSO ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN FURTHER BACKGROUND ON JUAN BAUTISTAS PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS (HE IS A MINOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPORTER OF CLARIN NEWSPAPER.) AND WE WILL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT ANY FURTHER PROGRAM PROPOSALS WHICH MAY APPEAR TO US TO PROVIDE SOLUTION TO THIS QUESTION. HOWEVER, OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT HE IS NOT PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED FOR CONSIDERATION BY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THE US UNDER ANY PROGRAM SPONSORED BY USG.

4. FOR ARA/ECAS BUMPUS: ENCLOSURE OF MATERIALS FROM ORFILA REGARDING YOFRES CASE NOT RECEIVED WITH YOUR 3/30 LETTER.  
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